

YWCA NWT

Annual Report

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & President



Creating strong families are at the core of everything we do.

We work tirelessly to achieve our mission of building a safe, Northern society where women, girls and families can realize their full potential. And we do this by advocating for more safe and affordable housing and daycare spaces, providing women and children shelter from family violence, spearheading youth empowerment programs, and much more.

We know we are stronger together. This year, we met with other women's organizations to discuss how we can better collaborate, started discussions with the Fort Smith Day Care Society to establish a needed day care, held meetings and training with other NWT shelters, partnered with Aurora College on the experience of women seeking Emergency Protection Orders, and provided support to Fort Good Hope and Iqaluit to help stabilize or establish a women's shelter in these communities.

This was a year of firsts: the first year we operated Housing First for families, with 15 families placed in supportive housing and nearly 40 children. Another first was our new ownership of the NWT Family Centre, a free space where staff focus on mental and physical wellness for every family by providing an inclusive space for play and learning as well as parent support.

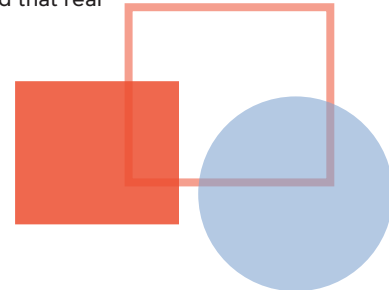
Advocacy efforts were primarily focused on raising awareness of urgent northern housing needs. We provided recommendations to the Federal government on a National Housing Strategy and rallied on Parliament Hill for housing funding and were thrilled when the government announced additional support for transitional and supported housing, dedicated funding for women, and creation or repairs to shelter spaces for women and children in the North.

We made great progress on our strategic plan by creating a more balanced, diverse board with younger Indigenous representation, established policies for a board code of conduct, enhanced our programs and services through client feedback, and worked on succession plans and efficient management of our capital assets to ensure the long-term sustainability and health of the organization.

None of our work would be possible without an incredible team of dedicated staff, Board members, community partners, government support and generous donors. Together, we are sending a strong message to women and families across the Northwest Territories that we are standing with you to make a difference and that real change is possible when we work together.

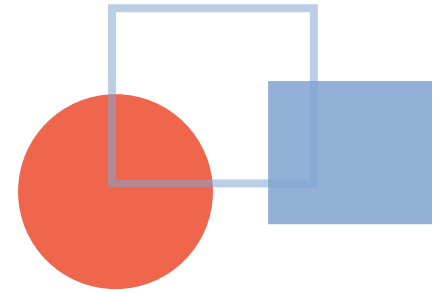
Sincerely,

Lyda Fuller, Executive Director
Cherish Winsor, President



YWCA NWT 2017/2018

Highlights



Offered a safe, anonymous place for **153 women** and their **117 children** fleeing family violence.

Provided affordable after-school care for **311 families** and started accepting 4 year olds

Helped **30 women** and their **18 children** regain independence at Lynn's Place transitional housing

Answered **1846 calls** on the 24/7 crisis and support line.



Provided homes and hope to a total of **84 families** with **151 children**



Helped keep **91 women** safe by assisting with Emergency Protection Orders

Housed **57 families** with **94 children**

Opened the NWT Family Centre and offered parent support and learning programs to **97 families**



Placed and supported **15 families** through Housing First for Families, including **39 children**

Equipped clients with job skills and support through career support and development programs

Created a safe space for **107 boys** to develop leadership skills through Dudes Club

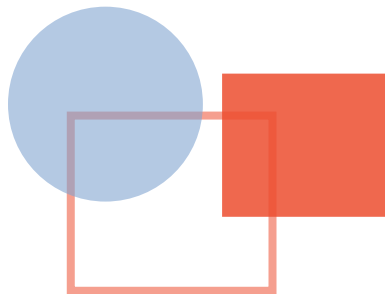


75 women and **66 children** were admitted to Alison McAteer House in Yellowknife, and **78 women** and **51 children** were admitted to Sutherland House in Fort Smith.

YWCA NWT BECOMES NEW OPERATOR OF Family Centre

Welcome to the Family Centre!

Parents and caregivers find an inclusive, welcoming space at the Family Centre to take part in hands-on learning and play opportunities with their children. Activities include arts and crafts, family activities, trips to the fieldhouse and beach, literacy mornings, visits from musicians, art therapists and speech pathologists. The Family Centre is a safe, supportive place for kids to learn, play and grow.



Fitness at the Yellowknife Fieldhouse!



Getting seeds ready to plant and watch grow!



Big smiles and fun times



Keeping the beat with local musicians



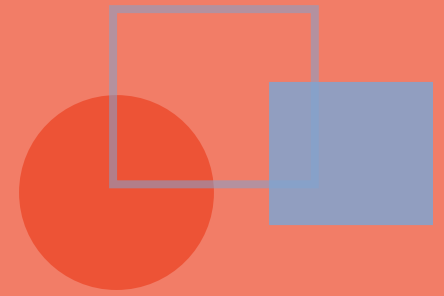
Literacy is important at the Family Centre!



Family Centre coordinator, Sandy, loves clowning around with the kids!

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Programs and Services



Providing women with a safe, supportive place to go and ensuring families have a roof over their heads are two of our main priorities, but we do so much more! Learn more about our programs and services.

Family Violence Shelters

- Alison McAteer House, Yellowknife: this 12-bed facility often has a waitlist and accepts women from across the NWT and the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut.
- Sutherland House, Fort Smith: this 8-bed shelter provides safety from violence and emergency housing for women.

Children & Youth Services

- Dudes Club, GirlSpace and Project Child Recovery: These leadership programs promote healthy coping strategies, build self-esteem through group activities and volunteering, and provides an opportunity for youth to come together with peers in a safe, accepting space.
- Affordable after-school care: YWCA NWT is the largest provider of licensed child care in the NWT, providing care at most Yellowknife schools for children aged 4-10.

Transitional & Emergency Housing

- Rockhill Family Housing: Staff provide support to assist clients in acquiring skills that will enable them to stabilize their families and living situations, and move into permanent housing. Demand for housing is strong and there is often a long wait list.
- Lynn's Place: This safe, affordable housing option for women who have experienced violence and their children offers support and onsite programming and services to help them stabilize their lives.
- Emergency Housing: Due to the major demand for affordable housing options for families, YWCA assists with placing families and women who have experienced violence in emergency housing to ensure they are not homeless.



YWCA NWT Board of Directors

L-R: Miriam Pallard, Jinal Shah, Katrina Nokleby, Keelen Simpson, Shelby Brothers, Rassi Nashalik, Sarah Arngna'naaq, Lyda Fuller, Cherish Winsor.
Missing: Brianne Timpson



YWCA NWT's 50th Anniversary celebration, made possible with support from Dominion Diamond Mines.



GirlSpace offers leadership and empowerment opportunities for youth.



Dominion helped YWCA 'Turn up the Heat on Homelessness' through donations to offset costs related to heating apartments for homeless families.



Bob Overvold, (then Chief Advisor, Community and Government Relations, BHP Billiton), at the official opening of Lynn's Safe Place for Women.

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Dominion Diamond

Supporter of YWCA NWT for
the past decade

"Dominion Diamond Mines is proud to continue its partnership with the YWCA NWT by committing to a three-year contribution towards their youth programs – GirlSpace and Dudes Club. Over the last decade, the Ekati Diamond Mine has built a lasting relationship with YWCA NWT by supporting many of their programs such as Turn Up the Heat on Homelessness, the Alison McAteer House, and Lynn's Safe Place for Women. We recognize the positive impact these programs have on Northern communities and are pleased to continue to partner with an organization that encourages a safe and healthy environment."

Dominion Diamond Mines CEO, Patrick Evans

The Ekati Diamond Mine, through Dominion Diamond Corporation and BHP Billiton (former owner of Ekati) has donated over \$1 million to YWCA facilities, programs and services over the past decade. Their commitment of \$700,000 for capital costs for the construction of Lynn's Safe Place for Women has helped the YWCA provide a safe, supportive place to call home for women who are ready to find stability. Thanks to their support, YWCA NWT also expanded their youth programs to include more on-the-land activities, ensured several families at risk of homelessness had a roof over their heads, and helped women who had experienced family violence have a safe place to go with their children.



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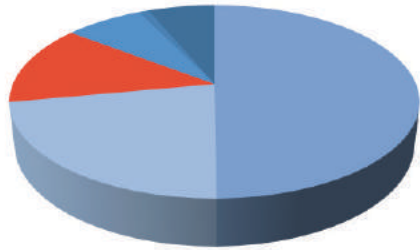
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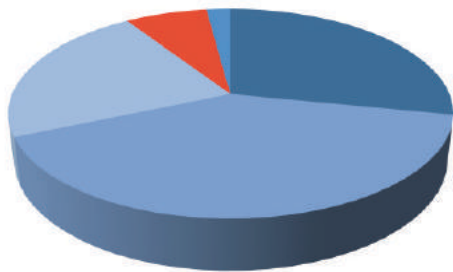
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- Program Fees
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- Other
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Revenue

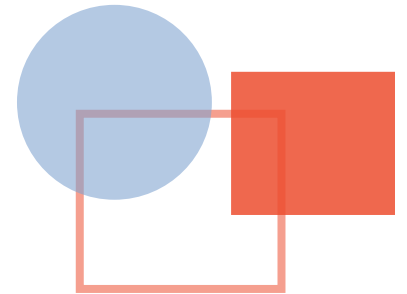
Government Grants & Service Contracts	50%
Rental (Homes & Apartments)	22%
Program Fees	13%
Donations	7%
Other	1%
Administration (generated from our programs)	6%
Total	100%



- Family Violence Prevention Programs
- Housing Programs
- Child & Youth Services
- Administration
- Other (Specific Projects)

Expenses

Family Violence Prevention Programs	28%
Housing Programs	40%
Child & Youth Services	22%
Administration	7%
Other (specific projects)	2%
Total	100%



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